



Bureau of Land Management
Lake Havasu Field Office
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Categorical Exclusion Assignment, Review and Approval					NEPA Number:		CX-AZ-330-05-26
					Date:		January 17, 2006
					Sub-activity:		1770 HF
					Case/Project No:		
Name of Project:		Creation Circle Protective Enclosure			Type:		
Location (legal description)		T.	11N	R.	21E	Section:	25, N½ N½NE½SW½
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Applicant (s): Cultural Program							
Reviewed by NEPA Coordinator:							
Description of Proposed Action: Construct a post and double cable barrier around Creation Circle Intaglio also known as <i>Head Kwkulia</i> (Holding Breath), to protect the sacred site from inadvertent damage by vehicles. Posts will be 5 feet high, buried approximately 18-24 inches connected by double cables and placed approximately 15 feet apart. Fence would use 41 posts.							

Categorical Exclusion Reference 516 DM, 6. Appendix 5.4:	H (9)	(BLM Categorical Exclusions List)
Construction of small protective enclosures including those to protect reservoirs and springs and those to protect small study areas.		

Department of the Interior 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 provides for a review of the following categorical exclusion criteria to determine if exceptions apply to this project:	Yes	No
2.1 Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety.		X
2.2 Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.		X
2.3 Have highly controversial environmental effects.		X
2.4 Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
2.5 Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
2.6 Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
2.7 Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.		X
2.8 Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X
2.9 Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.		X
2.10 Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X

The proposed project conforms to the following BLM management plans:
1) YUMA DISTRICT RMP AS AMENDED, DM613
Describe site specific consultation and coordination with other agencies and affected interests:
Coordination and Consultation with Fort Mojave Tribe completed

Technical Review:					
Critical Elements /Specialty	May Be Affected		If May affect / Mitigations Assigned	Signature Name/Title	Date
	Yes	No			
Air Quality		X		Cory Bodman	
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern		X		Jill Miller-Allert	
Cultural Resources/ Paleontological Resources	X		Positive effect, protection	Sarah C Murray	
Environmental Justice		X		Specialist	
Farm Lands (Prime or Unique)		X		Specialist	
Floodplain		X		Specialist	
Native American Religious Concerns	X		Positive effect, protection	Sarah C Murray	
Threatened or Endangered Species				Mark Howell	
Wastes, Hazardous or Solid		X		Cathy Wolff-White	
Water Quality, Drinking or Ground		X		Cory Bodman	
Wetlands/Riparian Zones		X		Mark Howell	
Wild and Scenic Rivers		X		Jill Miller-Allert	
Wilderness		X		Jill Miller-Allert	
Invasive & Non Native Weeds				Mark Howell	
Lands/Realty		X		Maria Rosalez	
Law Enforcement		X		Brian Pittman	
Operations/Engineering Review		X		Mike Henderson	
Recreation		X		Myron McCoy	
Visual Resources Management		X		Myron McCoy	
Soils/Minerals		X		Amanda Dodson	
Wild Horses/ Burros		X		Specialist	
Range		X		Specialist	
Health & Safety		X		Bill Perry	

Review: *We have determined that the proposal is in accordance with the categorical exclusion criteria and that it would not involve any significant environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review.*

SIGNATURES

Prepared by:

_____ **Date:** _____

Project Lead

Review by:

_____ **Date:** _____

Supervisor

Decision: *Bureau of Land Management, Lake Havasu Field Office, has determined that this decision or action conforms to the land use plan, that none of the 10 exceptions apply, and that therefore neither an EA nor EIS is needed, The decision or action will be implemented subject to the stipulations attached to the authorizing document.*

Approved By:

_____ **Date:** _____

Field Manager, Lake Havasu Field Office

Stipulations

See attached

Compliance and assignment of responsibility (Program or Employee):

Sally Murray, Archaeologist

Monitoring and assignment of responsibility: (Program or Employee):

Sally Murray, Archaeologist